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Claim(s) discussed: *1, 31; 17, 18, 27, 28 and 19*.

Identification of prior art discussed: *Redford et al.*.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☐ was reached.   g)☒ was not reached.   h)☐ N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

(1) Discussed claims limitations about 1, 31; 17, 18, 27, 28; 19 and cited prior art;

(2) Clarified the proposed amendment of claim 19 that supports multiple software programs on the storage media and newly added step of determining the control file;

(3) Applicant acknowledged obvious type double patenting rejection in the office action and a terminal disclaimer will be filed accordingly;

(4) Examiner is waiting for the official response for the further prosecution.

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FROM: **Charles Eggers**

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MESSAGE:

Appl. No.: 10/792,255
Re: Revised proposed amendment in response to office action of Aug.
1, 2007.

Dear Examiner Wei:

I am FAXing a revision of the proposed claim amendments in
anticipation of an as yet unscheduled telephone interview, hopefully
this week.

Sincerely,
Chuck Eggers

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Original) A computer-readable medium containing instructions to be executed by a computing device when the computing device is coupled to a media drive that communicates with said computer-readable medium, said instructions comprising:

configuring said computing device in accordance with an instruction file contained on said computer-readable media;

launching a participating application in accordance with information in said instruction file;

monitoring events in said media drive *and said participating application* until *execution of said participating software application is detected* to be completed or terminated; and

thereafter saving certain data files to a predetermined location specified in said instruction file;

deleting temporary files; and

unconfiguring said computing device.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said configuring said computing device in accordance with said instruction file further comprises:

determining a unique identifier of said computer-readable medium;

accessing said ~~task disk control~~ instruction file in accordance with said unique identifier; and

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configuring said computing device by providing as least one of the following executable files:

linked library files, device drivers, path information, environmental information, and registry entries to said computing device.

3. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said monitoring events comprises monitoring for an application save/close completion event or monitoring for a request to disconnect said computer-readable medium.

4. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said participating application is adapted to be stored on removable or on non-removable storage media.

5. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said launching said participating application in accordance with information in said instruction file comprises launching said participating application from said computer readable medium.

6. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said launching said participating application in accordance with information in said instruction file comprises launching said participating application from said computing devices.

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7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon an instruction file comprising:

a monitoring section to detect an activation event for a predetermined participating application, such that when the activation event occurs the following special instruction sections are automatically executed:

a pre-run section containing instructions to be executed by a computer-implemented device having a hard drive prior to launching said predetermined participating application;

an application run section containing instructions to launch said participating application and further instructions to copy or maintain certain data files at specific storage locations on the hard drive to be available for use during running of said participating application; and

a clean-up section containing instructions to be executed upon closing said participating application including additional instructions to remove or save certain data files at the specific storage locations on the hard drive prior to said closing, and

wherein said monitoring section is capable to detect a termination event for said participating application such that when the termination event occurs the cleanup section is automatically executed.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~task list control~~ instruction file of claim 7, wherein said pre-run section comprises instructions to configure registry information such that the operating system is aware of at least one of the following:

a path, environmental variables, and commands to launch said participating application.

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9. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said

unconfiguring said computing device in accordance with said instruction file comprises:

removing from said computing device at least one of the following executable files

provided during the configuration stage:

linked library files, device drivers, path information, environmental information, and

registry entries to said computing device.

10. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said

instructions are automatically executed upon initial communication of the computer-readable

medium with the computing device.

11. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 10, wherein the initial

communication is commenced by inserting a removable computer-readable medium into the

media drive.

12. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 10, wherein the initial

communication is commenced by coupling the media drive containing the computer-readable

medium to the computing device.

13. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the coupling

comprises connecting the media drive to the computing device through a USB port.

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14. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the coupling comprises connecting the media drive to the computing device through a Firewire port.

15. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein the computer-readable medium comprises a flash memory drive.

16. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein the computer-readable medium comprises a CompactFlash drive.

17. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein the computer-readable medium comprises an optical drive.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein the computer-readable medium comprises a removable magnetic media drive.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of managing a plurality of software programs for use with a computer device in accordance with ~~special instructions~~ a control file contained on storage media external to or removable from the computer device, said method comprising:

activating the storage media to establish communication with the computer device;

determining that the control file indicates the presence of the plurality of software programs located on the storage media;

providing from the control file a list of the plurality of software programs located on the storage media;

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selecting one of the plurality of software programs for execution;

providing special instructions in a ~~control file~~ control sub-file located on the storage

media for each of the selected software programs, the ~~special instructions~~ control sub-file

including configuration information, software launching information; and data file storage

information;

transferring files and configuring the computer device from a first state in accordance

with the configuration information, wherein upon configuration the computer device is in a

second state;

launching the selected software in accordance with the software launching information;

monitoring events to determine various stages in the operation of the selected software;

and

unconfiguring the computer device upon termination of the software program by

removing files transferred to the computing device to essentially return the computer device to

the first state.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising associating each of the

plurality of software programs with a corresponding control file.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the list of software programs only

includes the programs having a corresponding control file.

22. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising copying one or more files to said computer device to create said second state, wherein the files include one or more of the following:

linked library files, device drivers, path information, environmental information, and registry entries.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said unconfiguring step comprises removing all files copied to create said second state.

24. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

selecting a plurality of software programs for execution;

configuring the computer device for each of the plurality of software programs selected by copying one or more files to said computer device, wherein the files include one or more of the following:

linked library files, device drivers, path information, environmental information, and registry entries.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising unconfiguring the computer device upon termination of each of the executed software programs by removing any files copied during configuration and any new files created during execution of each terminated software program.

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26. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the storage media comprises a flash memory drive.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ method of claim 19, wherein the storage media comprises a CompactFlash drive.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ method of claim 19, wherein the storage media comprises an optical drive.

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ method of claim 19, wherein the storage media comprises a removable magnetic media drive.

30. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ method of claim 19, wherein the storage media comprises an external hard disk drive.

31. (Original) A computer-readable medium containing instructions to be executed by a computing device, said instructions comprising:

configuring said computing device from a first state to a second state in accordance with an instruction file contained on said computer-readable media;

launching one or more participating applications in accordance with information in said instruction file;

monitoring events in said computing device *and said participating application* until

execution of said participating software application is detected to be completed or terminated;

and

thereafter unconfiguring said computing device to return the computing device to the first

state.

32. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the instructions are

automatically executed upon coupling the computing device with a media drive containing the

computer-readable medium.

33. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the instructions are

automatically executed upon insertion of a removable computer-readable medium into a media

drive coupled to the computing device.

34. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the configuring of

the computing device for the participating applications copies one or more files to said

computing device, wherein the files include one or more of the following:

linked library files, device drivers, path information, environmental information, and

registry entries.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of ~~claim 19~~claim 31, wherein

the computer-readable medium comprises a flash memory drive.

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36. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of ~~claim 19~~claim 31, wherein the computer-readable medium comprises a CompactFlash drive.

37. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of ~~claim 19~~claim 31, wherein the computer-readable medium comprises an optical drive.

38. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of ~~claim 19~~claim 31, wherein the computer-readable medium comprises a removable magnetic media drive.

39. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of ~~claim 19~~claim 31, wherein the computer-readable medium comprises an external hard disk drive.

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